New Bedford December 1: 1889.
Sunday afternoon.

Dear Anne

I have been waiting to hear from you before writing again, but as your letter does not make its appearance I will defer it no longer. The only thing of any importance however that I have to say is that I am dreadfully troubled with the face-ache, I seem to get better of it & then going out brings it all on again. I am not going out of the house for the next week, to see what effect that has upon it = This is better than the tooth-ache, but it is very dull music — I have read considerable & done a good deal of sewing — had a mantua maker yesterday & my "woodpecker" gown was cut & made, cape & all, for the woman brought a 'prentice with her & I paid her the sum of 5 shillings & sixpence I got her to cut & fit your cape too, & you shall have it very soon, looking very handsome [redacted] mine look beautifully —

Now to go back to the time of my writing last, monday I believe, so tuesday afternoon you must have got my letter. Monday & tuesday my face-ache appeared to be entirely gone, so I thought I might venture out Rode up to the Academy & carried a bundle to Abby who went home wednes-

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day for thanksgiving, but only stays till monday — took tea & spent the evening at the Sabers — Did not pick up as much news as I expected, as it was one of the evenings when the old school is open, so went there with Susan. Isaac you will see by the papers I suppose is the sole representative of the democracy of N.B. for on the 1st Tuesday all the whigs were chosen — I was very sorry for this as Rodney French & John Bailey were among the democratic candidates & all of them abolitionists put up for the occasion — That they lost their election was owing to about 25 of the democratic pro rum members refusing to vote for temperance men, at least so the story goes. Isaac I am sorry to say, is in my opinion in a very poor state of mind, as indeed so is every man here that I have seen, with the exception of J. Congdon, who is a sort of a non-resistant, & can't make up his mind whether to vote or not. "The fowl demon of party" as it is elegantly termed, reigns triumphant — The whigs & democrats, of the U.S. are as much set against each other as if there was no such thing as abolition in the world. Susan with the utmost coolness told me he meant to vote for Van Buren. His elder brother William said half in jest, half in earnest, that he should not, for there was no doubt that Van Buren would be elected without his vote so he could get rid of that sin. I have done

nothing about selling goods as yet; as I have been out so little. All Tuesday night my face ached like distraction. I then seemed to get better till I rode up in town Friday night & back, then pain came on again just as I was going to bed & I never shut my eyes till very near daylight. I have been growing better & now at the present time of writing it is nearly gone — whether it is going out; which is the cause of these spasmodic attacks or whether it is purely nervous, is more than I can say — I shall try the close confinement plan for a week & people tell me that having my front tooth pushed out of its place is the cause of all this & quite many precedents. If that is the case I am very well satisfied to suffer, as I saw one of my good front teeth without injuring it looks in the least. I am very anxious to hear how Annie got along with hers — those nights when my teeth were aching pretty bad & yet I could sleep I dreamed of her all the time, the dreams to use very mild language, extremely unpleasant. I sent this morning up to Mr Emerson's & got the "Emancipator" & the "Chase Club" — What do you think of John E. Sullen's letter? He does not say who the two or three others were present at the time — Did you notice in the article headed "strong position" where they want to have the credit of having an Orthodox minister, but call him the Rev Mr L. Sumner Lincoln of course — Now Phelps see those arguments sound — Elmer Wright is certainly running down very fast I think in point of style & every thing. But one Baptist on the Board of the Old Sun & he put on not as a Baptist but a colored man! I am really pleased to see that Phelps & Torrey begin to be aware that "Right & Wrong", is doing a work — they know really (when held in good earnest — I was surprised that Torrey spoke of "an air unworthy of her fame", I did not know that he acknowledged even to himself that she had any fame Do write soon. Where is Aunt Mary's promised letter I have been thinking that perhaps you are waiting

to write by my bonnet. If it is not coming very soon write by mail. If you did not send it monday which I dont think you will will you put in, this's cape to the her mousseline de laine, the folds of which are cut & a good many of the pieces, for she has got enough & I can make her the handsomest cape upon ever seen — I am going to make yours in a new way. I forgot to get this. Also Parsons Cook's sermon & other Douglas memoirs — & write very fully. your letter & the Liberators are the only food that I have had since I have been here I hope to hear from Boston by Abby Osgood who comes back to-morrow noon — Is Lizzy at Weymouth

I am very anxious to hear about every thing — Give much love to Grandma's folks. I think of them a great deal & long to be with them — I had a letter the other evening, from the folding & direction, I knew was Warren — I expect to you it have was not cause for alarm — Santa Cruz was my last post-mark. It was the first letter I have ever received from him — There was nothing in it however excepting an enquiry about the elections, with remarks upon the state of the times & his love to a girl here, whom he knew at the Kents school —

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